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REMARKS

Claims 18-19, 21-23, 25-27, 44-45, 47-49 and 51-53 have been allowed.

The specification including the abstract have been amended to address issues of form and not substance, including (1) generally reiterating the language of the allowed claims 18 and 44 in the Background of the Invention, the Summary of the Invention and Abstract sections, and (2) modifying the Title of the Invention to reflect generally the allowed claims. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

As these changes are non-substantive and place the application in better form with respect to the allowed subject matter, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment After Allowance without withdrawing the case from Issue.

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Docker No. 1232-4507**CONCLUSION**

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

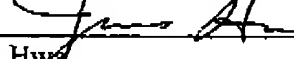
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4507.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4507.

Respectfully submitted,
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